

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A thermal fixing device comprising:

a fixing ~~member~~-roller configured to be in contact with a fixation medium;

a first pressing member disposed to face and contact the fixing ~~member~~-roller

and presses the fixation medium to the fixing ~~member~~-roller; and

a second pressing member disposed to face and contact the fixing ~~member~~-roller at a position downstream in a conveyance direction of the fixation medium with respect to the first pressing member and presses the fixation medium to the fixing ~~member~~-roller,

wherein the fixing ~~member~~-roller and the first pressing member apply to a developer on the fixation medium to be pressed by the first pressing member a temperature not lower than a glass transition point of the developer.

2. (Currently Amended) The thermal fixing device as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the fixing ~~member~~-roller and the first pressing member apply to the developer on the fixation medium to be pressed by the first pressing member a temperature not lower than a softening point of the developer.

3. (Currently Amended) The thermal fixing device as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the fixing ~~member~~-roller and the first pressing member apply to an interface between the fixation medium and the developer a temperature not lower than a softening point of the developer.

4. (Currently Amended) The thermal fixing device as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the fixing ~~member~~-roller and the first pressing member apply the temperature to the developer at a position most downstream in the conveyance direction in a contact portion between the fixing ~~member~~-roller and the first pressing member.

5. (Currently Amended) The thermal fixing device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the fixing member-roller and the first pressing member apply the temperature to the developer at a position most downstream in the conveyance direction in a contact portion between the fixing member-roller and the first pressing member.

6. (Currently Amended) The thermal fixing device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the fixing member-roller and the first pressing member apply the temperature to the interface at a position most downstream in the conveyance direction in a contact portion between the fixing member-roller and the first pressing member.

7. (Original) The thermal fixing device as claimed in claim 1 further comprising an endless belt stretched between the first pressing member and the second pressing member.

8-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:  
a sheet feeding section configured to feed a sheet as a fixation medium; and  
an image forming section having a thermal fixing device and configured to form an image on the sheet fed by the sheet feeding section,  
wherein the thermal fixing device comprises:  
a fixing member-roller configured to be in contact with a fixation medium;  
a first pressing member disposed to face and contact the fixing member-roller and presses the fixation medium to the fixing member-roller; and  
a second pressing member disposed to face and contact the fixing member-roller at a position downstream in a conveyance direction of the fixation medium with respect to the first pressing member and presses the fixation medium to the fixing member-roller,  
wherein the fixing member-roller and the first pressing member apply to a developer on the fixation medium to be pressed by the first pressing member a temperature not lower than a glass transition point of the developer.

22-25. (Canceled)

26. (New) A thermal fixing device comprising:  
a fixing member configured to be in contact with a fixation medium;  
a first pressing member disposed to face the fixing member and presses the  
fixation medium to the fixing member; and

a second pressing member disposed to face the fixing member at a position  
downstream in a conveyance direction of the fixation medium with respect to the first  
pressing member and presses the fixation medium to the fixing member,  
wherein the fixing member and the first pressing member apply to a developer  
on the fixation medium to be pressed by the first pressing member a temperature not lower  
than a glass transition point of the developer, and

wherein the fixing member and the first pressing member apply to the  
developer on the fixation medium to be pressed by the first pressing member a temperature  
not lower than a softening point of the developer.

27. (New) A thermal fixing device comprising:  
a fixing member configured to be in contact with a fixation medium;  
a first pressing member disposed to face the fixing member and presses the  
fixation medium to the fixing member; and  
a second pressing member disposed to face the fixing member at a position  
downstream in a conveyance direction of the fixation medium with respect to the first  
pressing member and presses the fixation medium to the fixing member,  
wherein the fixing member and the first pressing member apply to a developer  
on the fixation medium to be pressed by the first pressing member a temperature not lower  
than a glass transition point of the developer, and

wherein the fixing member and the first pressing member apply to an interface between the fixation medium and the developer a temperature not lower than a softening point of the developer.